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OPA Daily Digest for 10/10/14

Congressional Inquiries:

None

State Government Inquiries:

Sen. Gary Romine (Mo.) – letter – 10/1/14: Questioning high levels of lead in soil in southeastern Missouri. Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364 (open)

Press Inquiries:

West Plains Quill (Mo.) – Denise Vaughn – 10/1/14: Questions regarding Coastal Energy. Contact: David Bryan, 7433 (open)

KJEL Radio, Lebanon, Mo. – Allen Miller – 10/10/14: Questions about radon. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

Newton County (Mo.) News – Chad Hayworth – 10/10/14: Questions about EPA's enforcement of NPDES permit violations. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

KRCG Channel 13, Jefferson City, Mo. – Dan Claxton – 10/10/14: Questions about EPA's standards for radionuclides in drinking water. Contact Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

Environmental Stories:

Huffington Post - The Climate Post: Studies Focus on Warming of Oceans - 10/10/14 - Oceans absorb carbon dioxide and 90 percent of the heat caused by human activity--making their warming a critical topic for climate research. Two new studies--one on the upper oceans and one on deeper ocean depths--share findings about climate change's effect on these water bodies.

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/tim-profeta/the-climate-post-studies_b_5961438.html

The Morning Call - Terry Jarrett: EPA's proposed clean air rules could leave nation in the cold - 10/10/14 - Last winter, a polar vortex plunged much of the country into a deep freeze — and sent Americans running to turn up their thermostats. That, in turn, caused a surge of demand for electricity, a surge that our nation's electricity suppliers could barely meet.

<http://www.mcall.com/opinion/mc-coal-electricity-winter-jarrett-yv--20141010-story.html>

Grist - Republicans flail about looking for alternative to climate denialism - 10/10/14 - As I have said before, the GOP position on climate is unstable, both intellectually and politically. You can't credibly deny the science at this point, but if you accept it, "do nothing about it" is an incoherent response.
<http://grist.org/politics/republicans-flail-about-looking-for-alternative-to-climate-denialism/>

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel - EPA rule will hurt businesses, consumers - 10/10/14 - For years leading up to the release of the federal Environmental Protection Agency's proposed rule limiting carbon emissions from utilities, environmentalists championed the talking point that states should expand renewable energy mandates and subsidies to "get ahead" of anticipated federal regulation.
<http://www.jsonline.com/news/opinion/epa-rule-will-hurt-businesses-consumers-b99367773z1-278732611.html>

The Blaze - EPA Says It Can't Recover Thousands of Texts Wanted in Freedom of Information Lawsuit - 10/9/14 - The Environmental Protection Agency will formally report that it can't recover thousands of text messages from Administrator Gina McCarthy sought in a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit filed last year.
<http://www.theblaze.com/stories/2014/10/09/epa-says-it-cant-recover-thousands-of-texts-wanted-in-freedom-of-information-lawsuit/>

The Hill - EPA chief apologizes for her generation's role in climate change - 10/10/14 - Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) head Gina McCarthy apologized on behalf of her generation Thursday for not acting to stop climate change. "I want to apologize for my generation. We didn't quite get it quick enough," McCarthy said at an event in Miami Beach, Fla., according to the Fusion television network.
<http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/220329-epa-chief-apologizes-for-her-generations-role-in-climate-change>

Pittsburgh Tribune Review - EPA perverts the meaning of 'navigable waters' - 10/10/14 - Unveiled in March, covering "waters of the United States" and dubbed "WOTUS," the proposed rules stem from EPA's highly questionable contention that ambiguities in 2001 and 2006 Supreme Court rulings it lost give it greater authority over "private land and isolated and intermittent bodies of water," he says.
<http://triblive.com/opinion/editorials/6918741-74/epa-navigable-waters#axzz3FfrGBOtZ>

York News Times - EPA continues contamination investigation - 10/10/14 - While the clean-up of the large groundwater contamination plumes in York are the main objective for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), so is finding the source areas.
http://www.yorknewstimes.com/news/epa-continues-contamination-investigation/article_2ab00794-503a-11e4-a7b8-17ed5abc08b6.html

Dailier Caller - Coal Miners Rally Against Obama EPA, Silent On Grimes - 10/10/14 - Coal miners came out in force this week to protest Obama administration regulations that could force hundreds of coal plants and coal mines to shut down in the coming years.
<http://dailycaller.com/2014/10/09/coal-miners-rally-against-obama-epa-silent-on-grimes/>

Environment & Energy Publishing - At its vehicle emissions lab, EPA helps push automakers into a more fuel-abstemious future - 10/10/14 - In the not-too-distant future, the majority of cars in the United States may idle at zero rpm. Batteries will predict when you'll slow down and will charge up accordingly. The gears in your transmission will blend instead of shift.
<http://www.eenews.net/stories/1060007204>

National Law Review - EPA Labeling Requirements for Products Containing or Manufactured with a Hydrochlorofluorocarbon (HCFC) Begin January 1, 2015 - 10/9/14 - Effective January 1, 2015, products imported or manufactured after that date that contain or were manufactured with a hydrochlorofluorocarbon (HCFC) must be labeled before they may be placed into interstate commerce.
<http://www.natlawreview.com/article/epa-labeling-requirements-products-containing-or-manufactured-hydrochlorofluorocarbo>

Omaha World Herald - EPA continues contamination investigation - 10/10/14 - In York, EPA continues groundwater contamination investigation. While the clean-up of the large groundwater contamination plumes in York are the main objective for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), so is finding the source areas.
http://www.omaha.com/news/nebraska/in-york-epa-continues-groundwater-contamination-investigation/article_cb657812-5095-11e4-9875-0017a43b2370.html

KCSR Radio (Lincoln, Neb.) - Attorney General Bruning Files Comments Over EPA's Rule - 10/10/14 - Attorney General Jon Bruning along with 14 other states filed comments expressing grave concern with the federal Environmental Protection Agency's proposed expansion of regulatory authority over waters of the United States.
<http://www.chadrad.com/newsstory.cfm?story=35188>

Biobased Digest - Earth to Cellulosic ethanol: Glad you're here, buddy, what took so long? - 10/10/14 - There's a gigantic disconnect between two sections in the country as to whether the United States should be celebrating the success or the failure of cellulosic biofuels — biofuels made from crop residues, energy crops, and other feedstocks including municipal solid waste, and which feature a 60 percent or greater full-lifecycle reduction of greenhouse gas emissions compared to conventional gasoline.
<http://www.biofuelsdigest.com/bdigest/2014/10/09/earth-to-cellulosic-ethanol-glad-youre-here-buddy-what-took-so-long/>

Modern Farmer - EPA Withdraws From Clean Water Case, Farm Bureau Declares Victory - 10/10/14 - On October 2, a showdown between the federal government and farmers came to a quiet but abrupt end after the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and several environmental groups withdrew from a case involving a West Virginia chicken farmer accused of polluting the Potomac River.
<http://modernfarmer.com/2014/10/epa-withdraws-high-profile-clean-water-act-case-farm-bureau-declares-victory-environmental-groups-dismayed/>

Bloomberg BNA - Major Investor Coalition Pushes EPA To Adopt 'Robust' Methane Regulations - 10/10/14 - A coalition of investors with more than \$300 billion in assets asked the Environmental Protection Agency in an Oct. 9 letter to develop "robust" methane emissions regulations for the oil and gas industry.
<http://www.bna.com/major-investor-coalition-n17179896433/>

Prairie Business - Proposed EPA water rules worry farmers - 10/10/14 - A luncheon meeting sponsored by Farm Bureau, the South Dakota Stockgrowers Association and the South Dakota Cattlemen's Association on Wednesday at the Chamberlain Community Center illustrated the impact of the proposed rule.
<http://www.prairiebizmag.com/event/article/id/21216/>

Pacific Legal Foundation - EPA seeks to regulate coal-fired power plants out of business - 10/10/14 - As most Americans know, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has a strong penchant for regulation of businesses and industries. Consider its unlawful attempt to impose both state and federal regulations on existing coal-fired power plants—a strategy surely aimed at putting these lawful business out of business.
<http://blog.pacificlegal.org/2014/epa-seeks-regulate-coal-fired-power-plants-business/>

Press Releases:

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

Springfield, Mo., to Receive \$67,000 from EPA for Technical Assistance in Planning Stormwater and Wastewater Projects – 10/10/14 – Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394

EPA Settlement with Raymore, Mo., Results in Stream Protections for Tributary to South Grand River – 10/10/14 – Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364

Fact Sheets:

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets>

None

Upcoming Administrator/RA Events:

* New additions noted with an asterisk

10/10/14 – Nebraska State Bar Association, La Vista, Neb. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

***10/15/14** – Federal Executive Board Meeting, Kansas City. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

10/21-22/14 – EPA LEAN Summit, Washington, D.C. Contact: Becky Weber, 7487

11/4/14 – COOP Exercise, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Chris Taylor, 7736

***11/5/14** – Attend the Pollinator Protection Brownbag, Regional Office. Contact: Catherine Wooster-Brown, 7425

11/12/14 – Native American Heritage Event Discussion on “Climate Change and Adaptation in Indian Country, Regional Office. Contact: Alex Owutaka, 7584

***11/12/14** – Regional Tribal Operations Committee Meeting, Regional Office. Contact: Patrick Bustos, 7969

***11/13/14** – National Association of Farm Broadcasters Trade Talk Show, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

11/18/14 – Region 7 Small Business Environmental Assistance Providers, Regional Office. Contact: Gary Bertram, 7533

***11/19/14** – Omaha CSO Program Tour, Omaha, Neb. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

***12/2-3/14** – Attend the Four State Director’s Meeting, Regional Office. Contact: Dick Sumpter, 7661

***12/15/14** – Joint R7 & R8 Meeting, Denver, Colo. Contact: Damon Frizzell, 7560

DRA:

***10/27-28/14** – Attend the RCRA Director’s Meeting, Washington, DC. Contact: Dana Peters, 7444

***10/29/14** – Attend the OUST Director’s Meeting, Washington, DC. Contact: Dana Peters, 7444

11/4/14 – COOP Exercise, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Chris Taylor, 7736

***11/5/14** – Attend the Pollinator Protection Brownbag, Regional Office. Contact: Catherine Wooster-Brown, 7425

11/12/14 – Native American Heritage Event Discussion on “Climate Change and Adaptation in Indian Country, Regional Office. Contact: Alex Owutaka, 7584

***11/18/14** – Attend the Executive Management Council Meeting, Washington DC. Contact: Dana Peters, 7444

***12/2-3/14** – Attend the Four State Director's Meeting, Regional Office. Contact: Dick Sumpter, 7661

RA/Immediate Office

None

Other Events

AWMD

None

CNSL

None

ECO/EJ

10/19-22/14 – Senior Enforcement Managers Meeting, Washington, D.C., Contact: D. Singletary, x7373

ENSV

None

PLMG

None

RA/OPA

10/14/14 – Attend West Lake Landfill CAG meeting, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364

SUPR

10/22/14 – Public Availability Session to discuss remedial action and the Five Year Review for the Parkview Well Site, Grand Island, Neb. Contact: Brad Vann, 7611

WWPD

10/15-16/14 – Big River Task Force Meeting with Other State and Federal Agencies, Farmington, Mo. Contact: Jeannette Schafer, 7297

10/20-21/14 – Hypoxia Task Force Meeting, Alton, Ill. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

10/20-25/14 – EPA Grants Reporting and Tracking System Training, Seattle, Wash. Contact: Theresa Brink, 7337

10/22/14 – St. Louis Regional Chamber and Metro Water Infrastructure Partnership water infrastructure seminar, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

10/22/14 – Operation Breakthrough-St. Vincent's Head Start outreach event, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Crystal McIntyre, 7261

10/29-30/14 – National EPA Wet Weather Meeting, Chicago, Ill. Contacts: Jodi Bruno, 7810, Cynthia Sans, 7492

11/4-7/14 – National EPA Drinking Water Enforcement Meeting, Washington, DC. Contact: Scott Marquess, 7131

11/3-6/14 – EPA Tribal 106 Coordinators Meeting, Washington, DC. Contact: Heather Duncan, 7640

11/11-12/14 – Council of Infrastructure Finance Authorities National SRF Workshop, Portland, Ore. Contacts: Glenn Curtis, 7726, Sabre Germano, 7026

11/12-14/14 – EPA Assessment TMDL Tracking and Implementation System vision measures training, Washington, DC. Contacts: Tabatha Adkins, 7128, Debby White, 7886
